

ACA IMPLEMENTATION NEWS

UPDATING YOU ON PROGRESS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES RELATED TO THE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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In This Issue!

In this issue of *ACA Implementation News*, we will provide links to the Department's updated ACA consumer resources and frequently asked questions. Also, we provide the latest enrollment update from Connect for Health Colorado and Medicaid.

As a reminder, please send us your ACA implementation questions/suggestions so we can provide timely and relevant information to you. Questions, comments and suggestions should be sent to ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us for inclusion in upcoming issues of *ACA Implementation News*.

To sign up for *ACA Implementation News* or the Department's ACA Communication Updates, click [here](#).

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News of Note

New Resources on Colorado.gov/Health

Understanding Public Health Insurance Changes - A column by Antoinette Taranto of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

When Should I Apply for Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus? - A column by Tom Massey of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Public and Private Health Insurance Compared - A clear explanation of the differences between Medicaid, Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), and the private insurance plans offered through an employer or purchased via Connect for Health Colorado.

What is the Individual Share Responsibility Requirement? – A page dedicated to the Federal requirement to have health care coverage beginning in 2014 and who may be exempt from this requirement.

Please help us get the word out about the new consumer website Colorado.gov/Health. The site will help answer questions about the Affordable Care Act, the Medicaid expansion, Connect for Health Colorado and the individual mandate. You can find sample promo graphics are [here](#).

Enrollment Update from Connect for Health Colorado and Medicaid

The Department and Connect for Health Colorado released their latest joint enrollment statistics today. This new set of data reflects enrollments through January 15, 2014.

The Department has included in this latest metrics release a breakdown of newly eligible client enrollments by county, gender and age. You can find the Department's fact sheet [here](#).

For more information about the Connect for Health Colorado enrollment data visit ConnectforHealthCO.com or click [here](#).

To view the full press release click [here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Colorado.gov/Health is your resource for information about the Affordable Care Act, the Medicaid expansion, Connect for Health Colorado and how to apply for coverage.

For a complete list of consumer FAQs click [here](#). Still have questions? Send your questions about Colorado's implementation of the health reform law to:
ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us.

Responses will be posted here:
Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources and/or
Colorado.gov/Health.



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Connect for Health Colorado

Applications being accepted for Certified Application Counselor Program

Connect for Health Colorado is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the Certified Application Counselor (CAC) Program. We will accept applications through **February 28, 2014**. Applications will be accepted from organizations only. We will not consider applications from individuals.

The CAC Program was established to help support customers with assistance with the application for health coverage and financial assistance paying for health coverage by extending partnership opportunities to organizations throughout Colorado that have current capacity to train and certify staff to support application assistance.

As part of the CAC Program, Connect for Health Colorado will designate organizations that agree to certify staff or volunteers to perform the duties of Certified Application Counselors. Designated Organizations must meet the Designated Organization criteria and:

1. Submit a Designated Organization application for approval by Connect for Health Colorado
2. Successfully complete mandatory training
3. Sign the Certified Application Counselor Program Designated Organization Agreement with Connect for Health Colorado. Only organizations will be designated. We will not accept applications from individuals.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2014 and trainings will be scheduled periodically to accommodate organizations that apply during this period.

All applications shall be submitted using the form provided. The signed form and signed agreement shall be uploaded together to: <http://C4HCO.Upload.connectforhealthco.com>. Applications submitted without the signed agreement are incomplete and will not be considered.

For more information, please read the Application Announcement and Designated Organization Criteria. **Additional questions may be submitted to grants@connectforhealthco.com with “CAC Program” in the subject line.**

Required Application Documents:

CAC Program Application

CAC Program Agreement



Resources

Medicaid Benefits Starting 2014

Important information has been released about the Medicaid benefits for 2014. This [fact sheet](#) provides an overview of the benefits for current and newly eligible Medicaid clients beginning January 2014. You can also find this information on Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources.

ACA Resources for Health Care Providers

The Department's [ACA Resources for Health Care Providers](#) page is designed to provide all health care providers key information about health care reform. You can view the resources at Colorado.gov/HCPF/ProviderACAInfo.

PEAK Training Opportunities

The PEAK Outreach team has recorded numerous trainings on the PEAK application. We strongly encourage all individuals who work directly with clients on the application process view these helpful webinars. Webinar trainings for eligibility workers can be found [here](#) and trainings for community organizations can be found [here](#).

New Resources for Brokers and Agents

The Department has developed new resources for Agents and Brokers, including a [webinar](#) and [slides](#) on PEAK, [tips for completing](#) and a description of [where to go for help](#). You can view these new resources at Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources.

Reminders

PEAK Instructions

Step-by-step instructions for the new PEAK features available to current Medical Assistance clients can be found under the PEAK Resources heading on Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources.

Recent Client Letter

Some current Medicaid clients may have recently received a letter requesting proof of "reasonable compatibility." The Department is sending a clarification letter to those clients. If clients have questions regarding this correspondence please have them contact their [local county office](#).

Long Term Care Training

As a reminder, the Long Term Care training slides and webinar are posted in the Staff Development Center [Document Library](#) for eligibility workers. Additionally, [June 2013 Non-MAGI training](#) is posted on the Colorado.gov/HCPF under Training Events. We encourage all eligibility workers to review these training materials.

Checking a Medical Assistance Application Status

Coloradans can check the status of their Medical Assistance Application by calling: 1-800-359-1991, Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday (closed state holidays). Applicants will need to provide their Application Tracking Number when calling.